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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Chirag G Shah

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 February 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-2 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sunay (3G 1xEV-DV Air Interface Specification) in view of Berliner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,631,126).

Referring to claim 1, Sunay discloses in the sections "Reverse Link Control Channels", "AKCH and RICH Structure" of a control frame having a frame comprising: a Reverse Transmitter Sector Indicator Subchannel (Best Sector Indicator Channel (BSICH) used by the mobile to convey the best sector that it can received from every slot), wherein the (BSICH) is utilized by a mobile station to communicate a PN_OFFSET (8-ary orthogonal coding); a Reverse Quality Indicator subchannel (Reverse Rate Indicator Channel (RICH) used by the mobile to indicated the data rate transmitted on the R-SCH, identifies up to 8 data rates), wherein RICH is used to deliver of forward channel quality (rate) feedback; a Reverse Acknowledgment Indicator Sub-channel (R-AICH, bases on C/I measurements, Power Fraction information and the antenna capability the mobile indicates the data rates that can be supported on the F-PDCH), wherein the R-AICH is utilized for the indication of successful reception from the mobile station. Sunay fails to disclose of a Reverse Echo subchannel (R-Echo), wherein R-Echo is utilized to deliver forward link configuration information to assist in a fast cell site selection (FCSS) process.

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Berliner discloses in column 6, lines 27 to column 7, lines 30 of distribution function echoes the reverse signaling to all call legs. Berliner et al discloses in figure 3A and 3B respective portions of the specification that in the reverse direction, each leg receives a reverse-link transmission from the mobile unit and separates the user data from any signaling information contained in the transmission. The frame selection/distribution (FSD) removes the reverse signaling information from the selected reverse packet and places it in the next forward packet being sent on the back haul to the call legs as echoed reverse signaling 308. The distribution function therefore echoes the reverse signaling to all call legs. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Sunay to include the teaching of reverse link echoing control channel within a frame as taught by Berliner et al in order to retrieve the user's reverse signaling information from the echoed signaling, even if it fails to receive the user's direct transmission over the air interface, thus, minimizing delay.

Referring to claim 2, Sunay discloses in the section "Reverse Link Control Channels" the control channel of claim 1 wherein the R-AISCH (AKCH) is one-bit (every slot) acknowledgment feedback as claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-6 allowed.

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